

Worksession

Agenda Item #	6
Meeting Date	15 March 2004
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Discussion Item	Carroll Avenue Streetscape Project - Final Design Concept
Background	<p>This project last came before the Council on January 28, 2004 when the Council authorized the City Manager to sign a contract with KCI Technologies, Inc. to provide design and engineering services for the project.</p> <p>Since that date, the City has held a series of community design workshops on four consecutive Thursdays beginning on February 12. The public input received at these workshops has been posted on the City's website. Using the extensive public input received at these workshops, KCI and City staff have generated a conceptual design for the project that has also been posted on the City's website.</p> <p>KCI will generate construction documents based on the Final Design Concept. The State Highway Administration needs to approve the construction documents before the project can be built. SHA has agreed to use a faster than normal turnaround time for this project, but it is still critical for the project to stay on track in order to receive SHA approvals and have a construction contract signed and approved by the State by June 30, 2004.</p>
Policy	<p>Enhance pedestrian and bicycle access to shops, transit, schools, and other community facilities by improving pedestrian safety and providing wide, tree-lined sidewalks throughout the area. Support strengthening the streetscape from Takoma Junction to Takoma Old Town. Improved pedestrian connections and image from the Junction to Old Town to the Takoma Metro in the District of Columbia are needed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Takoma Park Master Plan</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	<p>The City has a total of \$650,000 to complete this project.</p> <p>This project has been funded in two parts. The residential portion (from Philadelphia Avenue to Columbia Avenue) has been funded by a State grant (\$375,000). The commercial and institutional portion (Columbia Avenue to the District) has been funded by State and County revitalization grants (\$275,000).</p> <p>Additional information on estimated costs of specific design elements is to be presented at the March 15th worksession.</p>
Attachments	Additional information on the project, including comments received during the

	<p>community meetings can be found on the city's web site at http://207.176.67.2/ecd/development/carroll/index.html</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation to be available Friday, March 12th</p>
Recommendation	Approve final concept plans and authorize HCD staff and KCI to proceed with final design and engineering
Special Consideration	Funding for project must be encumbered by the State prior to June 2004 to comply with recently enacted appropriation requirements